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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Timothy L. Rude

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims and Claim Objections

Claim 1 is amended. Claim 1 is objected to because "first conductive exposed" should read - - first conductive layer exposed - - (one place, per rejection below). Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because important structural features are not numbered.

In Figures 1A-1E, items 12 and 14 are each two-layered structures, and in Figures 1C-1E, items 22, and 24 are each two-layered structures. Individual numbers should be given to each layer because the layered structure is the main focus of the instant Application. Examiner suggests 12A, 14A, 22A, and 24A for lower layers and 12B, 14B, 22B, and 24B for upper layers. The specification should also be amended to explain these two-layered structures. See Specification page 3, line 18, through page 4, line 4. Examiner considers the subject matter to be disclosed, but it should be made more clear with proper reference to the two-layered structures.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant's admitted prior art (APA).

As to claims 1 and 8-9, AAPA discloses a liquid crystal display (LCD) device

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(Fig. 1E) having a substrate (10), a first conductive layer (12 and 14) on the substrate, a first insulating layer (16) on the first conductive layer, a semiconductor layer (18) on the first insulating layer, a second conductive layer (20) on the semiconductor layer, a third conductive layer, (22 and unlabeled layer below 24), on the second conductive layer, a second insulating layer (26) on the third conductive layer, the second insulating layer having a first contact hole exposing a portion of the third conductive layer (contact hole for pixel electrode) and a second contact hole (hole between 14 and 30) exposing the portion of the first conductive (layer) exposed by the first insulating layer, a fourth conductive layer (28) on the second insulating layer and electrically contacting the third conductive layer, and a fifth conductive layer (30) on the second insulating layer and electrically contacting the first conductive layer through the second contact hole; and a sixth conductive layer, (24 and unlabeled layer above 14), between and in contact with both the exposed portion of the third conductive layer and the fourth conductive layer and, (unlabeled layer above 14), between and in contact with both the first conductive layer (14) and the fifth conductive layer (30).

Regarding claims 2-3, APA discloses an LCD device as recited above where the first conductive layer includes aluminum metal (Specification page 3, lines 1-4 and 18-23).

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As per claim 4, APA discloses an LCD device as recited above where the second conductive layer (20) includes an impurity-doped semiconductor (Specification page 3, lines 4-7).

As to claims 5-6, APA discloses an LCD device as recited above where the third conductive layer has a first (22) and second (unlabeled layer below 24) parts that include metal and in between the first and second parts is where the semiconductor is etched (Specification page 3, lines 10-12 and page 4, lines 1-4).

Regarding claim 7, APA discloses an LCD device as recited above where the fourth conductive layer includes a transparent electrode (Specification page 3, lines 14-17).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy L. Rude whose telephone number is (571) 272-2301. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David C. Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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